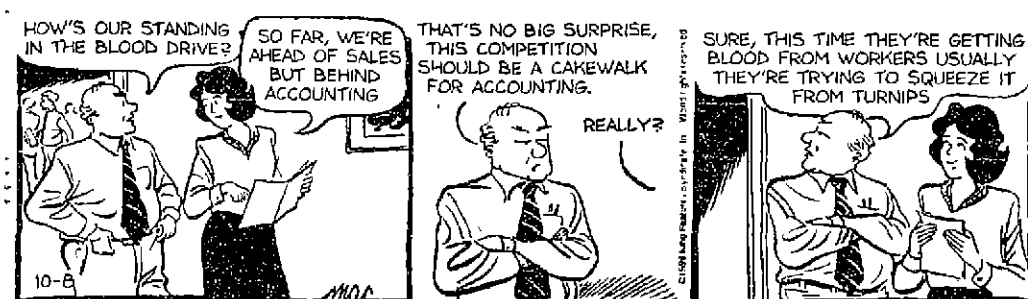


BLONDIE



SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



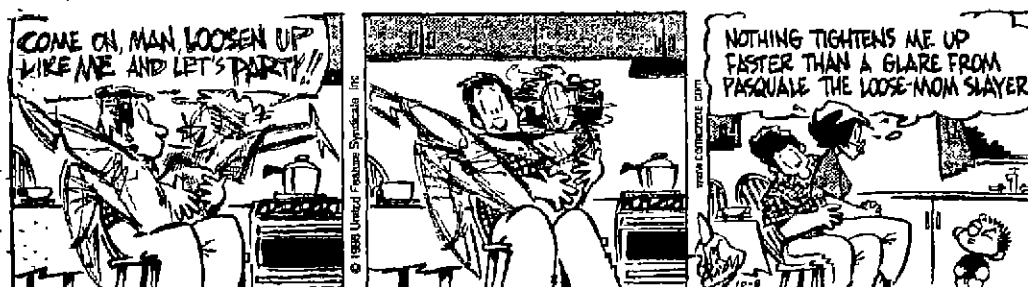
9 CHICKWEED LANE



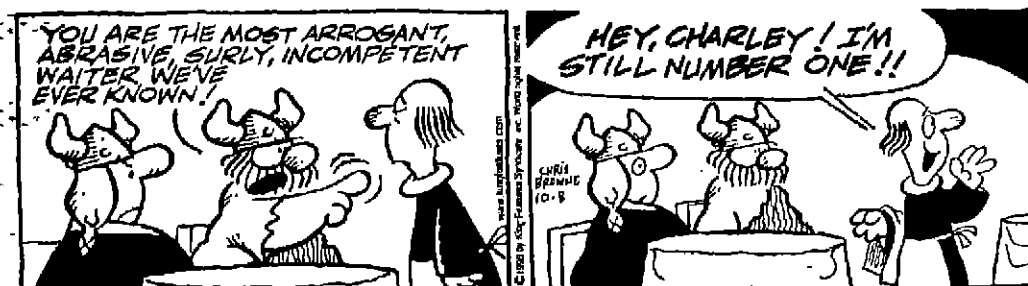
ANDY CAPP



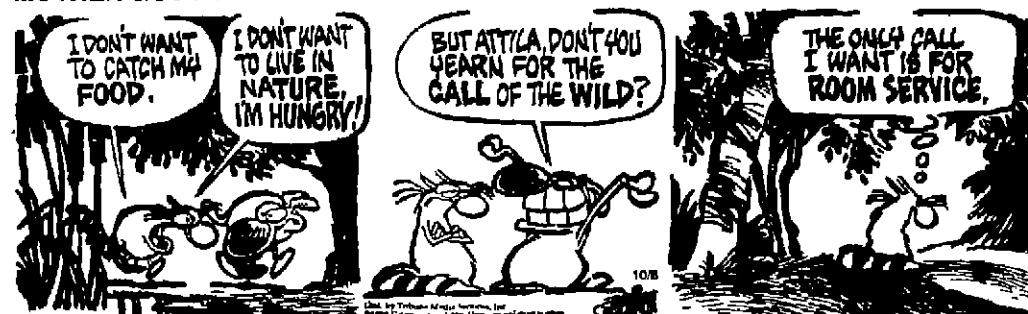
ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



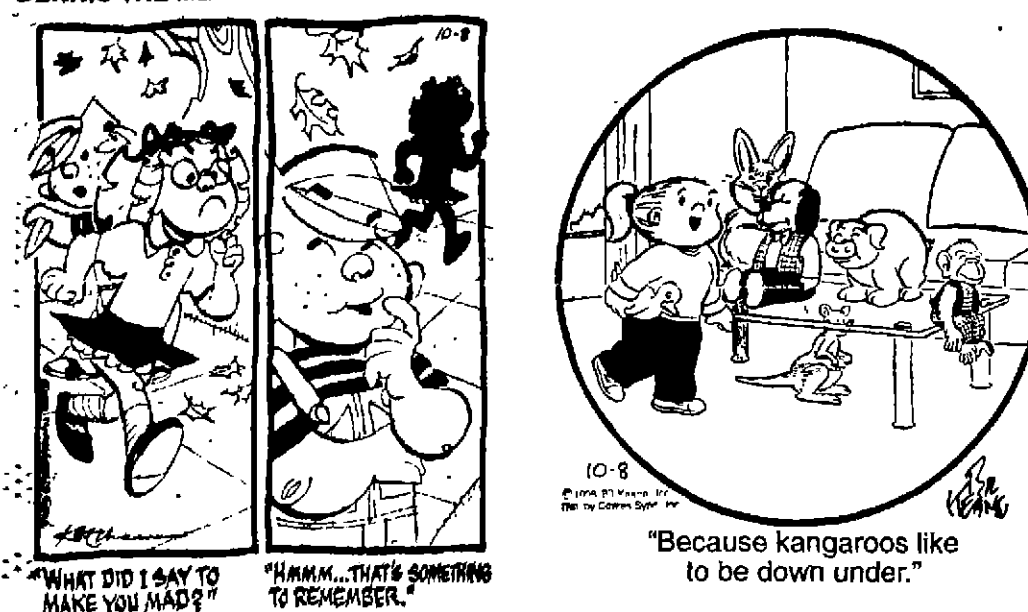
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



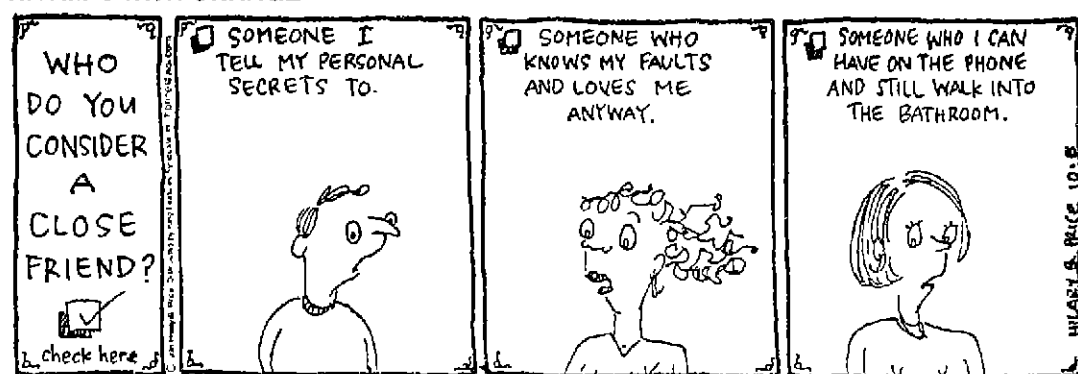
DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, Oct. 9, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Pleading and persuasion is par for the course. You can state your case and win.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Flirtation might come your way, but you can't base your sense of self-worth on it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Finding an old friend is as probable as finding some lost sentimental photographs.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Get it off your chest, whether it's anger or feelings of true admiration.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Swinging the pendulum is your prerogative, and not committing to anything long-term is an excellent practice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Stopping to smell the flowers is time well-spent. Exchange a bit of witty banter before plunging into the depths of a conversation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Hidden links, coincidences and similarities are popping up all over.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) When you're feeling the worst about yourself, the best thing you can do is to serve somebody else.

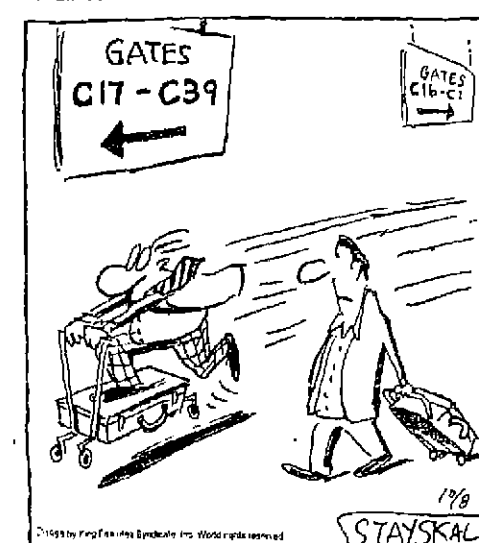
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Living with your head in the clouds might finally be catching up with you. Have you really prepared for this rainy day?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Regret is a wasted emotion. Chances are, you could use a bit of rest for your overworked body.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Don't be afraid to correct the spelling of your name when it rolls by on the credits; you've worked hard, and you deserve the credit.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Keep a lighthearted attitude. If you're waiting for the other shoe to fall, you are simply wasting time.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Stanley cup winning coaches

M H E B Y V N S P M J H P E B
Y V T Q O L H A I G D B S Y W
T R P B M K I C M F D B I Y W
U S Q L O M C R A W F O R D K
I O F A D B Z S E L O X C N W
U S R K N Q O A R N M B N E L
J H F E D A C T I U N I A D Y
W V T S H Q N H A P O I N N L
K I H F E S R E M E D B K I C
B Z Y W N O R R E P V U R S S
R Q P L E U R E L K C U M A N

Wednesday's unlisted clue: JUMP

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions—forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: SCOTTY

Arbour Demers Muckler Shero
Blake Imlach Perron Sinden
Crawford Keenan Ruel Skinner
Crimp Lemaire Sather

©1998 King Features, Inc.

For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0827

- ACROSS**
- Redcap's burden
 - No Westminster contender
 - Kind of tide
 - Condominium, e.g.
 - ... of golden daffodils; Wordsworth
 - Plead for
 - Prefix with marketing
 - Author Lofis
 - Exactly
 - Ad line #1
 - ... fish—low!
 - Cavaler, once
 - Ad line #2
 - Boston Tea Party V.I.P.
 - Parts of cloverleaves
 - Margery of nursery rhymedom
 - Jam ingredient?
 - Fussbudget
 - VIII septupled
 - ... rail
 - One who makes dreams come true
 - Stringant
 - Ad line #3
 - Every last lots
 - Canal site
 - Ad line #4
 - Boggy area, for short
 - Remark heard at quitting time?
 - Warrior of legend
 - Loosen
 - Served as gondolier
 - Limp watch painter
 - Org.
 - Battle the clock
 - Portraitist's medium
- DOWN**
- Word preceding 20-Across
 - From square one
 - Colorado feeder
 - Ms. founder
 - You can say that again!
 - "Oopsl"
 - Ignored the speed limit
 - Autocrat
 - Eggnog enhancement
 - Slangy suffix
 - 1834 Pulitzer winner Herbert
 - St. ... (vacation spot)
 - It could be a group effort
 - Turn's partner
 - Boozers
 - Georgia city not in its namesake county
 - Town in a 1944 novel
 - Fort Knox unit
 - The old nine-to-five
 - Spoke more than once?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

PRO BLEAT FRAME
RAN LARGE LENAS
OCT ONION AISTRA
WHIZBANG DROIT
SEWIS GEEWHIZ
ELEM UPSET ENE
MONICA LOREN
THEWIZARDPOZ
MOORE ANTICS
OWN ZETOP ISLE
SHOWBIZ ONAIR
ELIOT QUIZSHOW
LAUDS FUNGO ANI
IDLES RADON REN
USURY ADORE ALS

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

You can have some fun with today's deal. Give the North-South hands to a friend and ask him to develop a plan to make four spades. Naturally, he will suspect that the black suits are breaking unfavorably. But will he be able to succeed as you probably did? West leads the diamond 10 to East's Jack, and South ruffs East's diamond-king return. Where does he go from here? If he cashes dummy's club queen and draws East's trumps, he will lose the game when clubs fall to break. South will be both out of trumps and out of tricks, sending the game two down. If South guards against the bad club break and plays for a 3-2 trump break, he goes down even more. He ruffs the second diamond and cashes dummy's club queen. Then he ruffs a heart and ruffs a low club with dummy's trump Jack. Unfortunately, trumps are 4-1, and he loses control again, going three down. To succeed, South ruffs the second diamond and cashes dummy's club queen. After he leads a low trump to his king, he ruffs a low club with one of dummy's honors. Next he over-takes dummy's remaining trump honor, leaving East with two high trumps. No matter — South's remaining two low trumps leave him in control of the tempo. He runs his clubs, and East can take his high trumps, but that's all.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Saturday evening, first, Cameron Ross; second, Bill Pennington.

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Allene Huntley, Judy Zatony; second, Bill Foster, Bill Barrington; Sunday evening, first, Joe Fortino, Larry Sunser; second, Mary Walsh, Allene Huntley; Monday morning, first, Mary Smith, Olin Smith; second, Carl Brown, Claude Henri; Monday evening, first, Sharon Ausman, Joanne Bacelle; second, Bruce Rubin, Cornelia Yoder; Tuesday evening, first, Dennis Cleary, Bob Garwood; second, Bill Barrington, Clark Bigler; Wednesday evening, first, Sharlene Kostichka, Murray Hall; second, Bruce Rubin, Bill Barrington; Thursday morning teaching game, 1 NS, Janet Gillen, Sheril Macht; 2 NS, Joe Myers, Sarah Myers; 1 EW, Ginny Cluse, Peg Raus; 2 EW, Joanne Greenhouse, Chevy Tiffany; Thursday evening, first, Sharon Ausman, Allene Huntley; second, Carl Hileman, Bruce Rubin; Friday morning, first, Larry Sunser, Julie Sunser; second, Marge Weldon, Alex Weldon; Friday evening, first, Jane Donn, Josh Donn; second, Cameron Ross, Cornelia Yoder.

Concord: 1 NS, Rosemary Dunn, Dot Jolner; 2 NS, Bib Letham, Barb Reinschmidt; 1 EW, Fran Dussault, Louise Staring; 2 EW, Gene Wurdinger, Gerry Wurdinger.

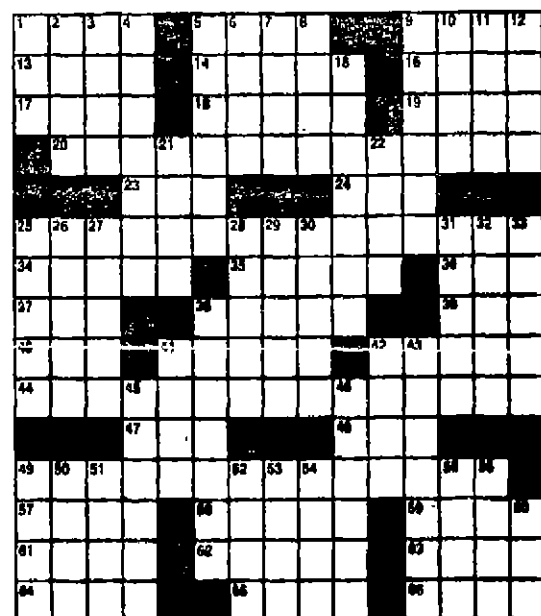
Stonehedge: 1 NS, Lori Desruisseaux, Helen White; 2/3 NS, Jane Hackbarth, Clo Morris; Anna Timell, Jackie Vigliano; 1 EW, Hannah Dushay, Ann Marin; 2 EW, Gerry Burns, Harriet Kaprowski.

Western Hills: 1 NS, Lucy Currie, Judy Sylvester; 2 NS, Madeline Leyden, Jackie Vigliano; 1 EW, Marie Rothbaler, Joe Spooner; 2 EW, Mary Lou Hess, Jackie LaPenna.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

BIRTHDAYS

Entertainment reporter **Rona Barrett** is 62. Actor **Paul Hogan** is 59. Actress **Sigourney Weaver** is 49. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Robert "Kool" Bell** (Kool & the Gang) is 48. Country singer-musician **Ricky Lee Phelps** is 45. Actor **Michael Dudikoff** is 44. Actress **Stephanie Zimbalist** is 42. Rock musician **Mitch Marine** (Tripping Daisy) is 37. Rock singer **Steve Perry** (Cherry Poppin' Daddies) is 35. Rock musician **C.J. Ramone** (The Ramones) is 33. Actor-screenwriter **Matt Damon** is 28. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Byron Reader** (Mista) is 19.



Puzzle by Henry Mann

- 20 Saxony seaport
31 Goldbrick
32 Star QB of Super Bowl XXXI
33 Doublemint figures
38 Bankrupt
41 "A good walk spoiled," said Twain
42 P.D.O., on "ER"
43 Transport to Oz
45 Broadway setting since 4/11/91
46 Become an ex-member
48 Blue hue
50 "The Sound of Music" extras
51 Root beer brand
52 — about (roughly)
53 Where Bill Walton played
54 One of the Baldwins
55 Serial Barbara suburb
56 The Great
58 Omicrons' predecessors

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years. 1-888-7-ACROSS.